

#### IV. Remarks and Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests the granting of a filing date to this application. The Claims have been preliminarily amended. However, such amendments were only made to place the Claims in a condition for examination in the US. No estoppel should result from the amendments.

The Claims are believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to facilitate allowance of the Claims. Please charge deposit account 02-2334 for any required fees and to credit any credits in this and any subsequent filing.

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